

§ 511.1 Definitions.

Agency. Agency means the United States Information Agency.

Act. Act means the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, and codified in 28 U.S.C., sections 2671-2680.

§ 511.2 Scope of regulations.

The regulations in this part shall apply only to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, or as incorporated by reference in any appropriation Act or other statutes, for money damages against the United States for injury, loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Agency while acting within the scope of his/her office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred.

[43 FR 14301, Apr. 4, 1978]

§ 511.3 Exceptions.

Claims not compensable hereunder are listed in 2680 of the Act with the exception that 2680(k) (claims arising in a foreign country) has been removed by 22 U.S.C. 1474(5).

[44 FR 16374, Mar. 19, 1979]

§ 511.4 Administrative claim; when presented.

(a) For the purposes of the provisions of section 2672 of the Act and of this part, a claim shall be deemed to have been presented when the Agency receives, in the office designated in paragraph (b) of this section, an executed "Claim for Damage or Injury", Standard Form 95, or other written notification of an incident, accompanied by a claim for money damages in a sum certain, for injury to or loss of property, personal injury or death, alleged to have occurred by reason of the incident. The claimant may, if he/she desires, file a brief with his/her claim setting forth the law or other arguments in support of his/her claim. In cases involving claims by more than one person arising from a single accident or incident, individual claim forms shall be used. A claim which should have been presented to the Agency, but

which was mistakenly addressed to or filed with another Federal Agency, shall be deemed to have been presented to the Agency as of the date the claim is received by the Agency. If a claim is mistakenly addressed to or filed with the Agency, the Agency shall transfer it forthwith to the appropriate Agency.

(b) A claimant shall mail, or deliver his/her claim to the Office of the General Counsel and Congressional Liaison, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

[34 FR 20430, Dec. 31, 1969, as amended at 51 FR 11016, Apr. 1, 1986]

§ 511.5 Who may file claim.

(a) Claims for loss or damage of property may be filed by the owner of the property, or his/her legal representatives. Claims for personal injury or death may be made by the injured person or a legal representative of the injured or deceased person. The claim, if filed by a legal representative, should show the capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of this authority to act.

(b) The claim and all other papers requiring the signature of the claimant should be signed by him/her personally or by his/her representative. Signatures should be identical throughout.

§ 511.6 Agency authority to adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims and limitations upon that authority.

(a) The General Counsel of the Agency, or his/her designee, is delegated authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims asserted under the provisions of section 2672 of the Act and under this part.

(b) Limitation on Agency authority: An award, compromise, or settlement of a claim by the Agency under the provisions of section 2672 of the Act, in excess of \$25,000, shall be effected only with the prior written approval of the Attorney General or his/her designee.

§ 511.7 Investigations.

The Agency may request any other Federal agency to investigate a claim filed under section 2672 of the Act, or